

Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

Finance Committee's Pro's & Con's of STM

**March 15, 2016
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
PROS AND CONS**

ARTICLE 1

PRO:

This article represents the longevity stipends and negotiated pay raise for the Library and Fire Union employees of the Town of Southwick, for the current fiscal year. This money will be deducted from the appropriate salary reserve accounts.

CON:

The Town would be in violation of not upholding its contractual obligations.

ARTICLE 2

PRO:

These wells will be able to provide water to irrigate the fields in the Park. This will save the need to purchase drinkable water to irrigate through the Town Water Department. Last year the Park used \$35,000.00 for town water. This year the Park has used \$40,728.00.

CON:

The Park still needs to purchase water through the Town Water Department for drinking and restrooms.

ARTICLE 3

PRO:

The Library fire protection sprinkler system needs major repair to meet Fire and Building Codes for safe occupancy.

CON:

Failure to support the article would jeopardize occupant safety and force closure of the Library building.

ARTICLE 5

PRO:

This land taking is necessary to facilitate the upcoming road expansion and betterment project for route 57 which is necessary to improve traffic flow and increase safety on the state roadway. Without this land taking, the project will not be able to begin and that could increase its ultimate cost.

CON:

Some private property albeit compensation will be paid, will be taken.